

FADS AND FANCIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FIND SUPPORTERS

Contributors to Evening World Discussion
Defend Present System, One Declaring
It Produces Good Results, While An-
other Declares Education Is at Best
in an Experimental Stage.

In the discussion of "Fads and Fancies" in New York's public schools, opened up by the Evening World, the "fads and fancies" have their champions to-day. Even the elimination of the third stanza from the Star Spangled Banner finds its defender in one letter writer, himself an educator. Another cites the fact that New York boys graduates of the city's public schools lead all other boys in the race of life as evidence that while the curriculum of the schools of this city may be open to criticism, its effectiveness is proven by results. A third writer contends that, at best, education is but an experimental stage, and that in New York, with its cosmopolitan population, educators have a far more difficult problem to deal with than the educators of any other American city. Here are the letters:

What One Father Says.

To the Editor of The Evening World: The public school system of New York City, like all other systems in which the public is interested, has occasionally been the object of criticism, which, if intelligently conducted, invariably results in much improvement, and while admitting the curriculum permits of waste of time in all but useless studies, any fair observer must agree with me that in points of general mental capabilities the average New York boy or girl leads the world—to account for which we must point to our public schools and school-teachers, of whom our city may justly be proud.

"Fads and fancies" may be a reasonable description of one-half the work of man, and from the vastly improved and enlightened condition in which the twentieth century has found us a question arises itself as to whether or not all "systems" are only in their infant or experimental stages. A stupid or ignorant boy is no criterion by which to judge a school system. For such judgments can only be based on general results.

As a father of school children I welcome any and all improvements—educational or otherwise—but am very slow

to condemn a system on which has depended the standard of citizenship. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, and the educator moulds the conduct of such rulers and renders the result of enlightenment. Reverting to "fads and fancies" and "gymnastic stunts," etc., and domestic and mechanical instruction, the average parent considers this time lost, which may be true in the case of a child who has got those advantages and opportunities in home life, but such are very few among the thousands of poor children who attend our schools. So in giving our survey of the educational field I am of the opinion that our public school course is a good one and needs very little alteration until other than present conditions of New York are met, with the advent of which the required changes will synchronize.

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In Experimental Stage.

To the Editor of The Evening World: The "marvels" of the ignorance of "Anxious" parents and "complaining" taxpayers, who are continually haunted by dreams of their sons' future illiteracy or the absorption of the city's funds, the ancient three "R's" are supplanted by "fads and fancies." Very good, but let these honest champions of old educational methods consider that education, at its best, is in the experimental stage. In no country has educational reform progressed and advanced as in our own. The result of the popular discussion of this glorious movement New York is the recognized leader. New York public schools have a far more difficult problem to solve than Eastern schools. New York is a cosmopolitan city, which is reflected in her educational institutions. The aim of our school department, and we think they have thus far succeeded.

An Educator's Opinion.

To the Editor of The Evening World: I have followed with considerable interest the popular discussion of "Fads in the City's Public Schools," as contained from day to day in the columns of your valuable paper, and although I am neither a parent of a New York school child nor a teacher in your schools, I would like to discuss briefly one question which has been raised in your columns. It seems that Dr. Marwell is accused of Anglophobia, and no

better ground than that the children of the city schools are furnished an abbreviated form of the "Star-Spangled Banner," and some of the critics find the word "emancipated" a happy term to apply to this version of the song. As a teacher of history, a subject which requires above all things a clear and logical attitude and a spirit of research entirely devoid of sectional bias or of race hatred, I must protest against so much stupidity and narrow-mindedness as has been shown by those who clamor for the resurrection of a stanza well lost from our national anthem. The stanza in question was written by a patriot in times of unusual stress, and displays the deep feeling of the author to a high degree, and therefore, while patriotic in tone, contains an emotional appeal which is exaggerated and made unwholesome. The editors of the poem have done well to omit a stanza which could not fail to foster a spirit of vindictiveness so fatal to the careful and impartial study of our country's history. Even the most bitter Anglophobe must admit that the proper way to study any case at law in which there are two radically different viewpoints is to weigh very carefully all the evidence obtainable on both sides, and after having noted impartially the value of each side, to make a decision.

No man is allowed to serve on a jury if it can be proved that he has formed an opinion on the trial before the evidence is presented. Yet our citizens have the right to form an opinion on the one in question is proper for a jury as they are doing their best to bring a prejudiced jury in to the school. The children whose minds are thus biased at the outset of their study cannot be taught to analyze the motives of the makers of history. In order that they may see the true grandeur of our national existence it is necessary for them to be led to cut through by thread the intricate network of the relations between America and Great Britain. The American side of this great argument does not need to call in race hatred to aid it to prove its case. Patriotism is love of our own country, but that love cannot be stirred in anything but a moral manner by hatred of another country.

A word as to the alleged lack of patriotism in giving so great a space in the curriculum of the public schools to the study of English history. It is only by a careful study of English

history that one may arrive at any adequate knowledge of the good features of our own system of government. This fact is recognized by the greatest of our historians. What is more logical than that a careful study of English history precede the study of that of our own country? Whatever onus attaches itself to the very efficient city superintendent of schools who would not stigmatize or lack of patriotism included.

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(Siegel Cooper Store, Main Floor, East.)

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